



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 121

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION
PROTOCOLS FOR MINORS SEEKING TO MAINTAIN ACCOUNTS
WITH PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) A public service
2 company shall verify the validity of a potential customer's Social
3 Security number prior to opening a customer account to ensure that
4 such Social Security number does not belong to a minor, as defined in
5 section 1-1d of the general statutes. A public service company shall
6 cross reference the Social Security number provided with such
7 customer's legal name, aliases, date of birth, age, current address and
8 phone number. A public service company may use a third-party
9 company to carry out the purpose of this subsection.
- 10 (b) In any action by a public service company against a customer for
11 an unpaid bill, the customer shall not be liable if, at the time of the
12 opening of the customer account, such customer was a minor and the
13 customer account was opened by another person using the minor's
14 Social Security number.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), the word "section" was deleted and the word "subsection" was inserted for accuracy. In Section 1(b), the word "person" was inserted for clarity.

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*